

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

### **Claims pending:**

- At time of the Office Action: Claims 1-25, 27-31, 34-35, and 37-43.
- After this Response: Claims 1-25, 27-31, 34-35, and 37-43.

**Canceled claims:** None.

**Amended claims:** None.

**New Claims:** None.

10 1. (Previously Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

11 receiving a plurality of events;

12 applying the plurality of events to a correlation function, wherein the

13 correlation function is implemented as a state machine and is configured to

14 correlate the plurality of events;

15 identifying an event to which an update consumer has subscribed, wherein

16 the update consumer is associated with the state machine;

17 applying the update consumer to the state machine in response to the

18 identified event; and

19 generating a specific event if the correlation function is satisfied by the

20 plurality of events.

22        2. (Previously Amended) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the  
23 update consumer is a class object.

1           3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further including:  
2           receiving a data element; and  
3           applying the data element and at least one of the plurality of events to the  
4           correlation function.

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6           4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further including:  
7           receiving a plurality of data elements; and  
8           applying the plurality of data elements and the plurality of events to the  
9           correlation function.

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11           5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further including  
12           communicating the specific event to at least one event consumer that subscribed to  
13           the specific event.

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15           6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further including continuing  
16           to receive additional events and apply the additional events to the correlation  
17           function if the correlation function is not satisfied by the plurality of events.

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19           7. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further including resetting the  
20           correlation function after generating a specific event.

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2       8. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further including:  
3           creating an instance of a particular state machine; and  
4           defining transitions for the particular state machine by subscribing to at  
5           least one event.

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7       9. (Previously Amended) A method as recited in claim 8 further including  
8           deleting the instance of the particular state machine if the instance of the particular  
9           state machine reaches a final state.

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11      10. (Original) One or more computer-readable memories containing a  
12           computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited  
13           in claim 1.

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15      11. (Previously Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:  
16           receiving a plurality of events;  
17           receiving a plurality of data elements;  
18           identifying a plurality of correlation functions configured to correlate the  
19           plurality of events and the plurality of data elements, wherein each correlation  
20           function is implemented with an associated state machine, and wherein each state  
21           machine has an associated update consumer that updates the state of the associated  
22           state machine;  
23           applying the plurality of events and the plurality of data elements to the  
24           plurality of correlation functions; and

1           generating a specific event if at least one of the plurality of correlation  
2           functions is satisfied.

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4           12. (Previously Amended) A method as recited in claim 11 further  
5           comprising deleting a particular state machine when the particular state machine  
6           reaches a final state.

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8           13. (Previously Amended) A method as recited in claim 11 wherein each  
9           update consumer is a class object.

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11           14. (Original) A method as recited in claim 11 further including  
12           communicating the specific event to at least one event consumer that subscribed to  
13           receive the specific event.

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15           15. (Original) A method as recited in claim 11 further including:  
16           receiving additional events;  
17           receiving additional data elements; and  
18           applying the plurality of events, the additional events, the plurality of data  
19           elements and the additional data elements to the plurality of correlation functions.

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21           16. (Previously Amended) A method as recited in claim 11 further  
22           including:

23           receiving additional events;  
24           receiving additional data elements;  
25           receiving additional correlation functions; and

1                   applying the plurality of events, the additional events, the plurality of data  
2 elements and the additional data elements to the plurality of correlation functions  
3 and the additional correlation functions.

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5                   17. (Original) A method as recited in claim 16 further including  
6 generating the specific event if at least one of the plurality of correlation functions  
7 or at least one of the additional correlation functions is satisfied.

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9                   18. (Original) A method as recited in claim 11 wherein the specific event  
10 generated is dependent on which correlation function is satisfied.

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12                   19. (Original) One or more computer-readable memories containing a  
13 computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited  
14 in claim 11.

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16                   20. (Previously Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:  
17                   identifying a schema for creating state machines, the state machines to  
18 correlate at least two events;  
19                   creating an instance of a particular state machine;  
20                   defining transitions for the particular state machine by subscribing to at  
21 least one event; and  
22                   applying an update consumer to the particular state machine to update the  
23 state of the particular state machine, wherein the update consumer is a class object.

1       21. (Original) A method as recited in claim 20 further including deleting  
2 the particular state machine if the particular state machine reaches a final state.  
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4       22. (Original) A method as recited in claim 20 wherein the particular state  
5 machine includes a timer, the method further including deleting the particular state  
6 machine if the timer expires.  
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8       23. (Original) A method as recited in claim 20 wherein the particular state  
9 machine correlates at least one event and at least one data element.  
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11       24. (Original) A method as recited in claim 20 wherein the particular state  
12 machine correlates a plurality of events and a plurality of data elements.  
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14       25. (Original) A method as recited in claim 20 further including  
15 determining a current state of the particular state machine.  
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17       26. (Canceled).  
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19       27. (Original) One or more computer-readable memories containing a  
20 computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited  
21 in claim 20.  
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1       28. (Previously Amended) An apparatus comprising:

2           a plurality of event consumers; and

3           an event correlator coupled to the plurality of event consumers, the event  
4           correlator to receive events from at least one event source and to receive data  
5           elements from at least one data source, the event correlator further to receive at  
6           least one correlation function configured to correlate events and data elements and  
7           to apply the received events and the received data elements to the correlation  
8           function, wherein the correlation function is implemented by a state machine  
9           having an associated update consumer that updates the state of the state machine,  
10           and wherein the event correlator generates a specific event if the received events  
11           and the received data satisfy the correlation function.

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13       29. (Original) An apparatus as recited in claim 28 wherein the event  
14           correlator communicates the specific event to the plurality of event consumers.

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16       30. (Original) An apparatus as recited in claim 28 wherein the event  
17           correlator communicates the specific event to event consumers that have requested  
18           to receive the specific event.

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20       31. (Original) An apparatus as recited in claim 28 wherein the event  
21           correlator communicates the specific event to a plurality of filters, wherein each of  
22           the plurality of filters is associated with one of the plurality of event consumers.

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24       32-33. (Canceled).

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1       34. (Original) An apparatus as recited in claim 28 wherein the event  
2 correlator continues to receive additional events and additional data elements and  
3 apply the additional events and the additional data elements to the correlation  
4 function.

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6       35. (Previously Amended) One or more computer-readable media having  
7 stored thereon a computer program that, when executed by one or more  
8 processors, causes the one or more processors to:

9           receive a plurality of events;  
10          identify a plurality of correlation functions configured to correlate the  
11 plurality of events, wherein each of the plurality of correlation functions is  
12 implemented as a state machine having an associated update consumer;

13          apply the plurality of events to the plurality of correlation functions to  
14 determine whether any of the plurality of correlation functions are satisfied by the  
15 plurality of events, wherein the plurality of events are applied by causing update  
16 consumers associated with each event to update the state of the associated state  
17 machine; and

18          generate a specific event if one of the plurality of correlation functions is  
19 satisfied by the plurality of events.

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21       36. (Canceled).

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23       37. (Previously Amended) One or more computer-readable media as  
24 recited in claim 35 wherein each state machine is a class object.

1           38. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim  
2       37 further causing the one or more processors to identify a current state of the state  
3       machine.

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5           39. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim  
6       35 further causing the one or more processors to:

7               create a new instance of a state machine to implement a particular  
8       correlation function; and

9               define transitions for the new instance of the state machine by subscribing  
10      to at least one event.

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12       40. (Previously Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

13               receiving events from event providers;

14               creating a first state machine;

15               creating a second state machine;

16               associating a first event type with the first state machine, wherein the first  
17       state machine has an associated first update consumer to update the state of the  
18       first state machine;

19               associating a second event type with the second state machine, wherein the second  
20       state machine has an associated second update consumer to update the state  
21       of the second state machine;

22               in response to receiving an event having a first event type, applying the first  
23       update consumer to the first state machine;

24               in response to receiving an event having a second event type, applying the second  
25       update consumer to the second state machine; and

1           if the events are correlated:  
2           generating an additional event; and  
3           sending the additional event to an event consumer.

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5       41. (Previously Amended) The method as recited in claim 40, further  
6       comprising deleting the first state machine if the first state machine reaches a final  
7       state.

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9       42. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 40, wherein the  
10      additional event is sent to the event consumer through a filter associated with the  
11      event consumer.

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13      43. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 40, wherein the  
14      event consumer includes at least one of an event logging consumer, an event  
15      forwarding consumer, a mail consumer, and a scripting consumer.